

Iron medication – for children with a birth weight below 2,500 grams

Children with a low birth weight need extra iron to avoid iron deficiency. Iron is necessary for the child's development and growth.

Medication

The child must receive medication from the age of six weeks up to six months. The medicine is called Niferex and is administered in the form of drops into the mouth.

Dosage table, Niferex oral drops

Current weight	Dose
1,500 g – 4,000 g	2 drops, morning and evening*
Over 4,000 g	3 drops, morning and evening*
*If the child is receiving a breast-milk substitute for more than half of all meals, the dose is only administered once a day.	

An overdose can cause poisoning. If your child has been given too much medicine, always seek medical help by contacting the Swedish Poisons Information Centre or by calling 1177 Healthcare Advice Line.